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TO LET OR NOT TO LET

HSR Layout residents are not pleased with mushrooming PG accommodations in their area, but tenants ask that all of them not be painted by the same brush

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STRIKE FOR JUSTICE

Victims of Pahalgam attack and CMs hail Operation Sindoor; mock drills in Bengaluru and a look at why city is India's backbone in defence

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As traffic offences surge, bystander apathy deepens; experts say road safety is often shared responsibility; traffic officials point to importance of whistleblowers in keeping the order

IN A STATE OF APATHY

Sometimes a nudge is enough as people often break traffic rules as they are unaware of them

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On average, there were about 45 traffic violations on the city's roads every minute in April. According to traffic data, a total of 1,9,36,902 traffic violations were reported in April. Amid this chaos, a troubling pattern of public indifference has emerged. Senior police officials told BM that after AI cameras detect a violation, members of the public often report it on their social media accounts.

However, they are not proactive in trying to prevent violations.

An incident at a junction near HSR Layout is illustrative of this indifference. A rider casually stepped over the white line meant for vehicles to stop at a red light, while intently scrolling through messages on his mobile phone.

"Many people take photos or videos and upload it on X, tagging the traffic police, because of which we are penalising several offenders. If we all shrug off responsibility, chaos will continue

—Shivaprakash (DCP South Traffic)

An alert auto rickshaw driver nearby noticed the breach and attempted to intervene. He tried to get the attention of the violator and politely pointed out the white line.

But the man remained oblivious to his surroundings, glued to his screen. The auto driver asked a two-wheeler rider next to him and requested her to

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Down with discrimination

Police Dept asks officials across state to submit reports on caste-based discrimination, irregularities in promotions

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The Police Department has issued a directive to senior police officials across the state, instructing them to provide detailed reports on incidents related to caste-based discrimination, as well as irregularities in promotions and seniority lists. This action comes in response to recommendations made by the Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the Karnataka Legislature.

PAGE 2: CENSUS HURDLE

The government letter, dated January 5 outlines several key issues raised by the committee. These include the alleged deliberate denial of promotions to officers from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the manipulation of seniority lists to block rightful promotions, and violations of reservation norms during recruitment and promotions. The committee also expressed concern over the lack of seniority lists in several departments, leading to inconsistencies in promotions and recruitment.

In light of these issues, the committee has recommended that departmental inquiries be initiated against officers accused of engaging in such practices. Legal action is also advised to address the violations, in accordance with the relevant rules. Furthermore, all police departments have

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THINGS TO DO

01 Artistic journey

Atta Galatta is organising Liberate Through Lavani, an insightful session that offers a glimpse into the lives of traditional Lavani artists from matriarchal communities. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: May 8, 7 pm**

02 Literary carnival

LOCKTHEBOX, a book fest is being organised, presenting thousands of books– new and pre-loved, bestselling and hidden gems. **Where: Garuda Mall, Ashok Nagar; When: May 8 to 18, 11 am**

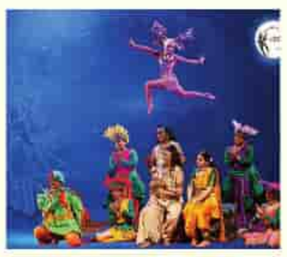
03 Musical duo

Phoenix Marketcity is set to host Salim-Sulaiman, the dynamic duo who have contributed masterpieces to the Indian music landscape, live in concert. **Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield; When: May 24, 7 pm**

04 Echoing blues

Windmills is presenting The Arinjoy Trio, one of India's most electrifying blues acts, who have carved a distinctive place in the Indian music scene with their dynamic interpretations of blues music. **Where: Windmills, Whitefield; When: May 9 and 10, 9.30 pm**

05 Timeless tale



Academy of Music and Nrithya Rangoli Festival is presenting Rama Katha Vismaya, a broadway style grand spectacle that brings together 60 talented artists and cutting-edge techniques to create an immersive experience unlike any other. **Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleshwaram; When: May 17 and 18, 6.30 pm**

Enumerators struggle as caste census faces pushback

Despite official directives and public awareness efforts, many citizens continue to doubt authenticity of census, refusing to participate or divulge information

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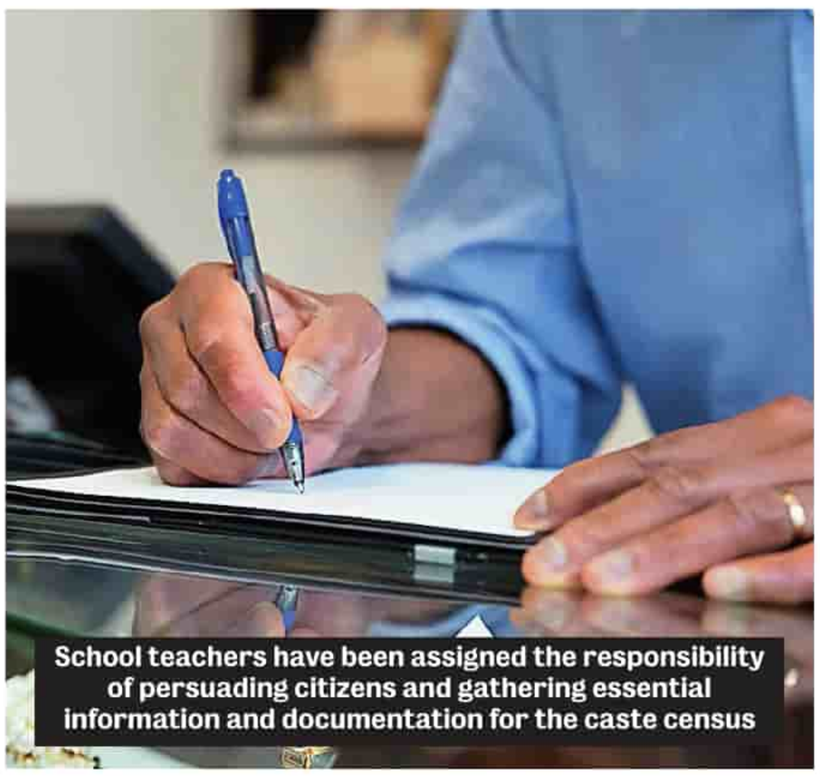
The Karnataka government has launched a comprehensive caste census focusing on Scheduled Castes (SCs), aiming to collect detailed data on sub-caste demographics for better policymaking. However, the ambitious drive is facing significant roadblocks on the ground, particularly in urban areas like Bengaluru.

School teachers, who have been roped in as enumerators, are now at the forefront of the survey—knocking on doors, verifying documents, and trying to convince residents to participate. But many teachers report that they are being met with confusion, hesitation, and at times, outright refusal.

"Most people are not even aware that a caste census is underway," said one enumerator on duty in Bengaluru. "When we ask them to share their caste, many react with suspicion," the enumerator said. The enumerator observed that people frequently question the need to disclose their caste, adding that in urban areas, individuals are often uncomfortable discussing caste openly, and enumerators cannot press the issue. Enumerators said that they are required to collect Aadhaar details and voter ID cards as proof, which has triggered additional concerns amongst residents. "Some flatly refuse to share these documents and question the very purpose of the survey. We have to spend extra time explaining the government's intent behind this data collection," the teacher added.



School teachers have been assigned the responsibility of persuading citizens and gathering essential information and documentation for the caste census

Despite official directives and public awareness efforts, many citizens continue to doubt the authenticity of the census. Teachers said some people even dismiss them outright, accusing them of misinformation or claiming the survey is a scam. While the government insists that the data will help frame more inclusive and targeted welfare programs, on-ground execution appears to be running into social and psychological barriers, highlighting the sensitive nature of caste identity in urban spaces.

The survey, scheduled to continue until May 17, is being carried out in three phases: door-to-door enumeration, special camps, and an online self-declaration facility. The process is being supervised by a one-member commission led by retired High Court Judge Nagamohan Das.

More than 65,000 school teachers have been deployed as enumerators, with each supervisor overseeing 10 to 12 surveyors. "Citizens are encouraged to accurately share their sub-caste details either during household visits or at special camps scheduled from May 19 to 21, or through the online portal between May 19 and 23," an official said. The official highlighted that this initiative comes in the wake of the Supreme Court's August 1, 2024, verdict allowing states to introduce internal reservations for SCs, provided they are backed by empirical data. "The Nagamohan Das Commission had earlier underscored the need for credible population figures before implementing such quotas," the official said.

"Citizens are encouraged to accurately share their sub-caste details either during household visits or at special camps scheduled from May 19 to 21, or through the online portal between May 19 and 23 – Official

The Commission is expected to submit its findings within 60 days of completing data collection, following which the state government will determine the course of its reservation policy. A helpline (94813/59000) has also been launched to assist citizens with their queries.

HC grants security cover to KSP President amidst threats

The Karnataka High Court has instructed the state government to provide police protection and a personal gunman to Dr Mahesh Joshi, President of Kannada Sahithya Parishath (KSP).

Justice M Nagaprasanna issued the directive after reviewing the threat assessment report submitted to the court in response to instructions given on Joshi's petition. The report highlighted multiple instances of credible threats, specifically in certain locations across Karnataka. Considering the widespread nature of threats across Karnataka, the court deemed it necessary to direct the state to provide police protection to the petitioner, and assign a personal security officer/gunman when the petitioner travels within the state, particularly in areas where immediate threats exist. Following the recent 87th All India Kannada Sahithya Sammelana in Mandya, Joshi revealed that he had received serious life threats from certain groups who had attempted to disrupt the Sammelana. **— BMB**

IN HIGH COURT

Self-representing individuals must effectively present case: HC

The Karnataka High Court has underscored that self-representing individuals must demonstrate adequate capabilities in drafting clear pleadings and effectively presenting their cases. An advocate, who identified as a social worker and administrator of a Masjid and Khabrastan in Rudrapatna, Arkalgud Taluk, Hassan District, filed a petition seeking directions for proper land survey of an alleged Muslim burial ground.

Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice KV Aravind, forming a division bench, noted, "This phenomenon of indisciplined, irrelevant, unnecessary, and long unrelated pleadings which are even otherwise, hardly up to the mark are seen in common wherever party-in-person appears either as petitioner or respondent and conducts the matter."

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The bench expressed concerns about the petition's drafting, which contained excessive details, lacked coherence, and failed to present a clear legal argument. The court observed that the pleadings were unfocused, containing unnecessary statements and irrelevant facts that obscured the main issue.

Upon reviewing the state government's affidavit, which confirmed Survey No 73's designation as a community burial ground, except for a portion traditionally used as a village road, the court dismissed the petition. It directed authorities to maintain protection of the burial ground against encroachments.

Civic strife in HSR: Locals vs PG tenants

After recent incident involving young woman in distress on street, tensions flare in HSR Layout as residents blame PGs for disturbing neighbourhood peace, while students argue they're unfairly stereotyped; both sides demand better regulation

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In HSR Layout, a growing conflict between long-time residents and paying guest (PG) accommodations has escalated, following an incident where a young woman was reportedly seen running naked on the street. This incident has sparked outrage among locals, who allege that unregulated PGs are disrupting the peace and sanctity of what was once considered a calm, family-friendly neighbourhood.

Residents from 3rd and 4th Cross are vocal about what they describe as a deteriorating quality of life, blaming an unchecked rise in PG accommodations for late-night noise, public intoxication, and indecent behaviour. "We have lived here for over 30 years. This area was once known as 'Devaranadu'—a place of peace and spirituality," said a longtime resident. "Now, thanks to these PGs, there is chaos every night."

Complaints submitted to local authorities such as BBMP, BESCOM, and the police have reportedly seen little follow-up. Adding to residents' alarm are allegations that male PG occupants have been caught spying on women in neighbouring homes. "It's not just about noise," another resident emphasised. "It's about safety and dignity. We're not against students, but against mismanagement and lawlessness."

(File photo) Residents blame PGs for noise, intoxication, misbehaviour

Despite the tension, many PG residents say they are unfairly targeted and stereotyped based on the actions of a few individuals. Aastha Sharma, 22, a student from Delhi living in a PG in HSR, called the generalisations deeply unfair. "Many of us are here to work or study. Just because a few people misbehave doesn't mean all PG residensts are creating a nuisance," she said.

Arjun K, 24, an IT professional from Kerala, said, "I leave early, return late, and don't even socialise much. It's wrong to say every PG tenant is a troublemaker."

Other students also addressed the naked-running incident, insisting it should be seen through the lens of mental health, not as justification for moral panic. "It shocked all of us," said Nivedita Rao, 23, a law student from Hyderabad. "But it points to a mental health issue,not something that reflects on all PG residents."

Fahad Shaikh, 26, an MBA student from Mumbai, added, "We understand the concerns. But solutions must be specific. Authorities should act against offenders, not generalise all young tenants as irresponsible."

"Not all PGs are a nuisance, many students genuinely rely on them for affordable housing," said Arun Kumar, President of the PG Association Welfare. "We strongly oppose the blanket complaints made by a few residents. Legal PGs follow the rules, and such generalisations hurt students and responsible owners alike."

> **"I leave early, return late, and don't even socialise much. It's wrong to say every PG tenant is a troublemaker**
> —Arjun K, IT professional

HSR Layout has seen rapid urbanisation in recent years, attracting students and young professionals due to its proximity to tech hubs and education centres. Independent homes, once the hallmark of the area, have increasingly been converted into PGs, often without required licences or adherence to safety norms.

As both residents and students demand better regulation, albeit for different reasons, the spotlight now falls on local authorities to bridge the growing gap between stability and urban migration. For many, the question is no longer whether PGs should exist, but how they can be made safe, respectful, and law-abiding spaces for everyone.

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20 new sewage treatment plants planned by year-end

BWSSB ramps up treatment capacity to 1,851 MLD, aims for better reuse, lake revival, and industrial supply

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In a major push to improve wastewater management, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has announced plans to operationalise 20 new Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) with a combined capacity of 470 million Litres per Day (MLD) by the end of this year.

Currently, 33 STPs under the BWSSB treat up to 1,381 MLD of sewage generated in the city. With wastewater generation expected to rise to around 2,150 MLD due to population growth and expanded water supply from the Cauvery Stage V project (775 MLD), the city requires greater treatment capacity. The upcoming STPs, being developed at a cost of ₹1,382 crore, will increase the total treatment capacity to 1,851 MLD.

Current reuse and future targets

A BWSSB official said, "At present, only 750 MLD of the treated water is reused, supplied to entities like the Indian Air Force, ITC, BEL, Kempegowda International Airport, Lalbagh, and Cubbon Park. The BWSSB is now working on expanding reuse through lake rejuvenation and industrial supply. Under the Koramangala-Challaghatta Valley Project, 400 MLD of treated water is to be sent to lakes in Kolar, Anekal, and Bengaluru Rural. However, only 265 MLD is currently being pumped. Once the new STPs become operational, the remaining 135 MLD will also be distributed, aiding in lake revival and agricultural use."

> **"To ensure optimal reuse of 2,225 MLD of treated water, new STPs are being constructed. These will be operational by December**
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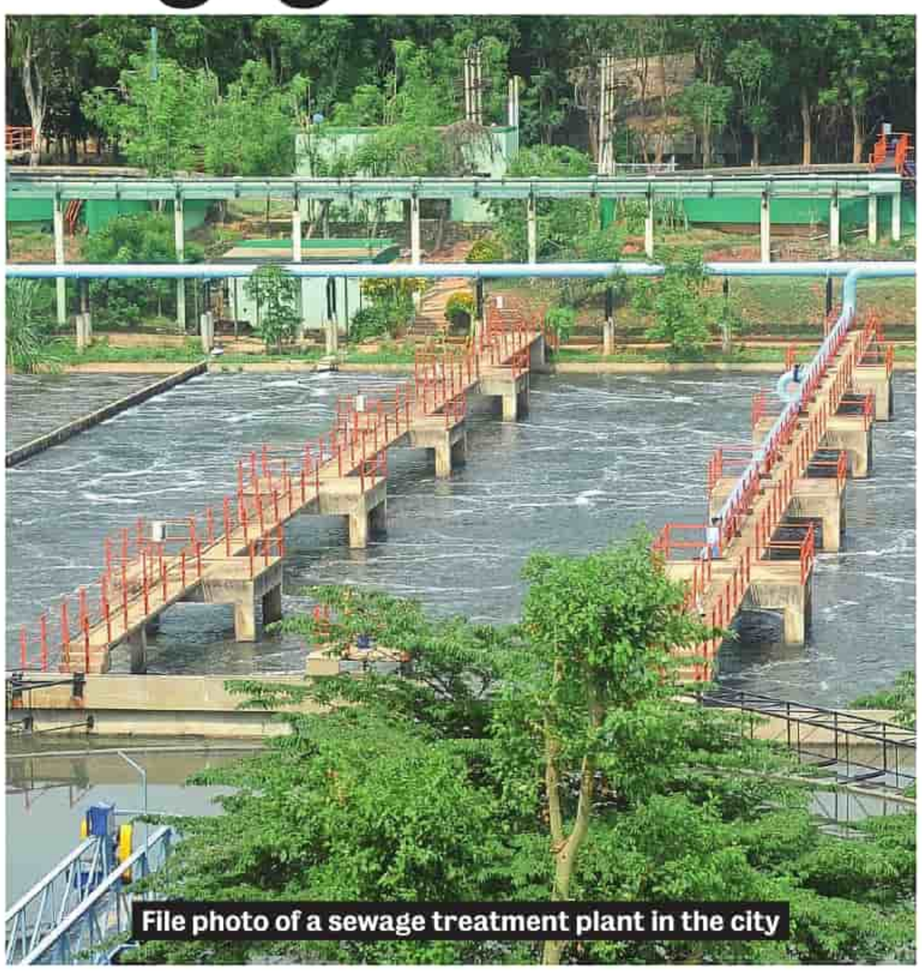
> – Dr V Ram Prasath Manohar, Chairman, BWSSB

New STPs coming up across the city

The new STPs are being set up near lakes in areas such as Kaggadasapura, Hesaraghatta, Varthur, Talaghattapura, Nagasandra (Madava Lake), Herohalli, Kariobanahalli, Chikkabanavara, Hosahalli, Hemmigepura, Sompura, Aitthuru, Yelahanka, and Vidyaranyapura. In total, 26 STPs will be commissioned, collectively adding 470 MLD to the city's treatment capacity.

Industrial supply also in focus

An official said, "BWSSB plans to supply treated wastewater to industries through dedicated pipelines. Discussions are underway to utilise the surplus water generated from the STPs for industrial and construction purposes."



File photo of a sewage treatment plant in the city

Centre commends BWSSB's efforts

"To ensure optimal reuse of 2,225 MLD of treated water, new STPs are being constructed. These will be operational by December", said Dr V Ram Prasath Manohar, Chairman, BWSSB. The Central Government recently lauded BWSSB for its performance in managing 30 STPs across the city. Under the 'Jal Hi Amrut' mission, 23 STPs received star ratings under the Clean Water Credit program, earning the city an incentive of ₹103 crore. BWSSB aims to fill about 23 lakes using the treated water from its existing and upcoming STPs. This initiative is expected to play a significant role in lake rejuvenation and groundwater recharge.

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SILENT TREATMENT
BBMP & state pollution board fail to respond to

Bangalore Mirror story on February 13, 2025 about defunct sewage treatment plants near lakes

BBMP Chief's footpath push gets public backing

After Majestic visit, civic groups urge BBMP to extend efforts to poorly maintained and encroached roads citywide

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Pedestrians and social activists have welcomed the BBMP Chief Commissioner's directive to the authorities to ensure obstacle-free footpaths for citizens within the BBMP limits. On Tuesday, BBMP Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao, while inspecting roads at Majestic area, advised the BBMP engineers to make footpaths pedestrian friendly. The pedestrians and social activists want the BBMP Chief Commissioner to visit some of the important areas to know the condition of the footpaths and also to know how pedestrian-friendly are the footpaths in the Central Business District (CBD) area and the 110 villages, municipalities that were added when Bangalore City Corporation became Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike in 2007.

"I am very happy to know that the BBMP Chief Commissioner visited some of the roads in the Majestic area. I want him to visit Halasuru and Jogupalya wards in Bengaluru East. Most of the footpaths are in poor condition. Some of the concrete slabs are either missing or broken on the footpaths. I have complained to the ward engineers but nothing has been done to fix these problems," said BR Chandran, a social activist.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao inspecting one of the footpaths at Majestic area on Tuesday

Bangalore Mirror published a story - Pedestrians at high risk on HAL Airport Road Footpaths - on April 12, narrating the pathetic condition of footpaths between Domlur and Manipal Hospital Junction.

Appreciating the BBMP Chief Commissioner for inspecting footpaths at Majestic area, Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation, has said it is welcome and a step in the right direction but this has to be done by the zonal commissioners and also the ward engineers. "We find basic footpaths and street lights broken or not working. Apart from the CBD area we find footpaths and pedestrians as the last priority. Major roads and footpaths are in bad shape across the city with so many encroachments and two-wheeler entry on footpaths. Traffic junctions' signage and pedestrian crossing in all major junctions need a revamp outside the CBD area to reduce accidents and pedestrian fatalities," said Vinod Jacob.

Demanding the BBMP Chief Commissioner to make footpaths on major roads around Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital, Broadway, and Thimmaiah Road free from encroachment, Maria of Aam Aadmi Party, Shivajinagar, has said that some of the roads do not have footpaths. "Pedestrians are compelled to walk on the road thus making themselves vulnerable to road accidents," she said.

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Trash trouble

Chickpet

Garbage has been piling up outside a hospital for the past three weeks. With the rain, mosquito infestations are worsening.

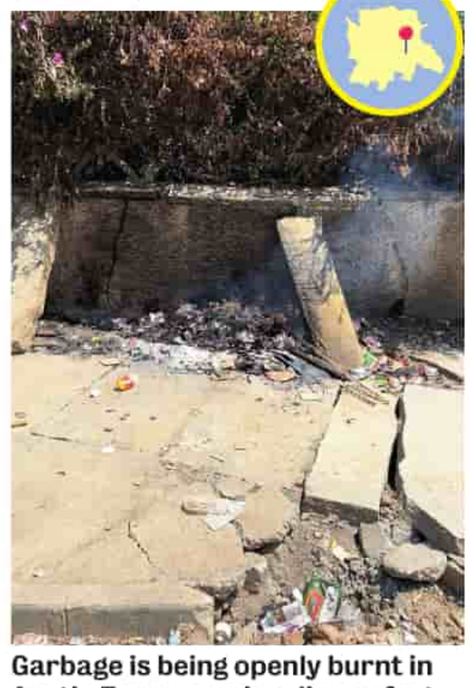
Signal glitch

ESI Rajaji Nagar

The traffic signal near ESI flashes "VAC" without displaying a countdown, despite showing green, causing confusion for commuters.

Toxic smoke

Austin Town



Garbage is being openly burnt in Austin Town, causing discomfort and pollution in the area.

Study finds microplastic residue in lake bank soil

Researchers find harmful micro-debris in sediment samples from Bellandur and Madiwala; experts call for urgent waste control and filtration measures

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Experts urge swift action as microplastics silently degrade lake ecosystems

In September last year, a group of researchers found a large amount of microplastic in the surface water of Yele Mallappa Shetty Lake. They had deduced that plastic pollution was mainly due to heavy domestic waste disposal in the water body.

This issue of microplastic contamination has now been reported from Bellandur and Madiwala Lakes. A team of researchers from Christ University has found microplastics in the bank sediment of both lakes.

The microplastics derived from Bellandur bank sediment had characteristics of Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene and Polystyrene. Whereas, the microplastics from Madiwala had a unique blend of Polypropylene, polystyrene and PS and Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS).

Notably, researchers also underline that both water bodies are surrounded by urban areas and are affected by sewage inlets, waste dumping, and commercial boating. There were no visible microplastics obtainable from the water samples of both lakes. However, microplastics were segregated from the bank sediments.

City-based lake activists and experts say microplastic pollution in lakes, although a known secret, should be dealt with sooner rather than later, as it can have an adverse impact on aquatic life and the lake ecosystem overall.

"It is no surprise that Bellandur and Madiwala lakes are contaminated with microplastics. It is bound to happen considering the rampant use of single-use plastic (SUP) and its improper disposal. While SUPs have been banned since 2016 in Karnataka, these items are readily available everywhere across the city. Even the Centre's ban in 2022 has had no impact. However, considering their adverse impact on the health of aquatic animals and also on us humans, authorities must take cognizance of the matter," said a city-based lake activist.

"Bengaluru's waste management infrastructure is crumbling, leading to such issues. BBMP must focus on an effective waste collection and disposal system, apart from bringing in recycling program. Bengaluru should also have a filtration system for its stormwater drains to capture plastic from entering water bodies," said the activist.

BMTC increases women safety after viral video

After the video of a woman being harassed aboard a BMTC bus went viral, the corporation reaffirmed its commitment to women's safety. The incident, which occurred on Monday around 3:30 pm near Vidyaranyapura, showed an elderly man allegedly misbehaving with a female passenger.

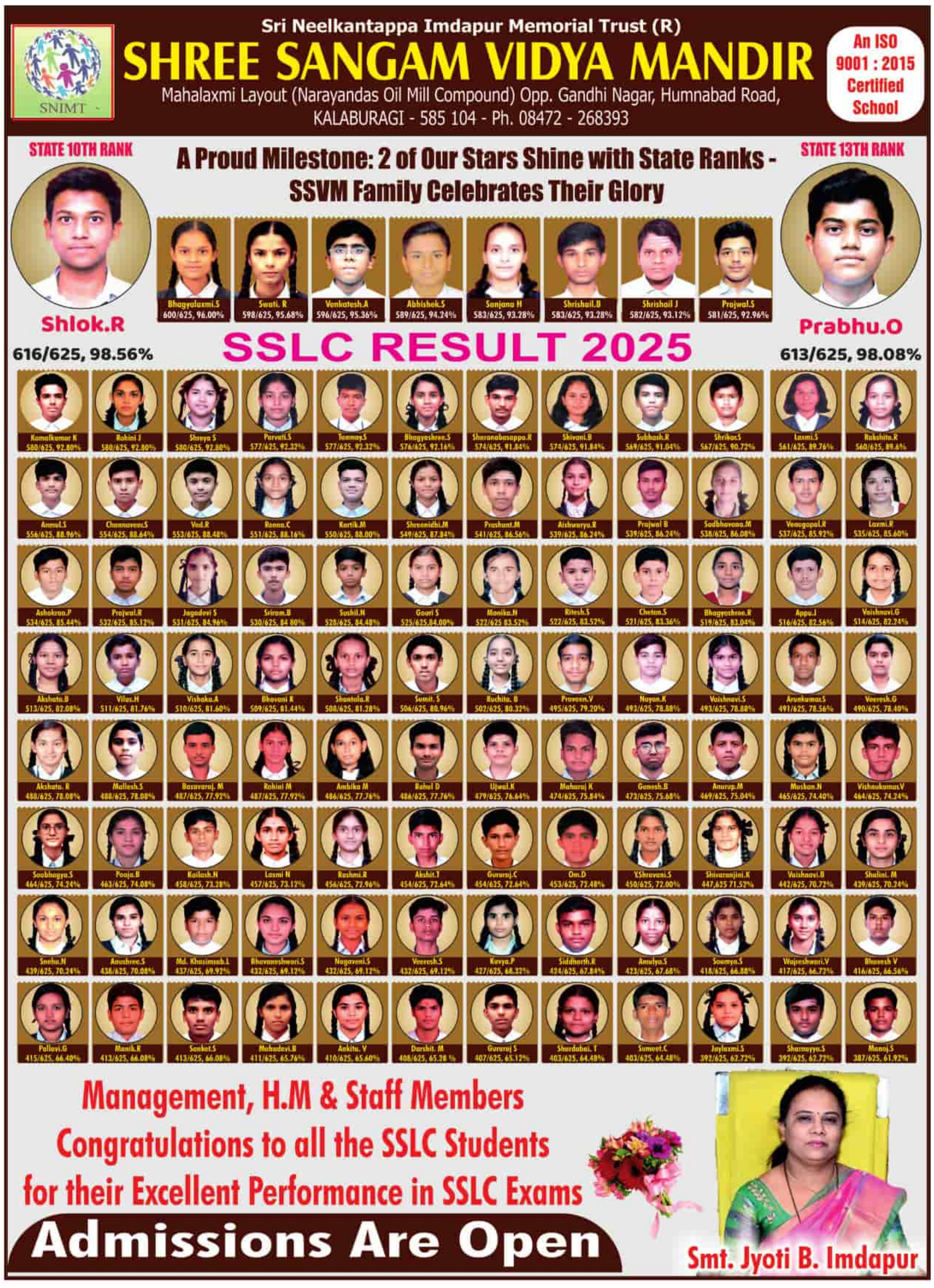
Although the woman has not filed a complaint, BMTC has taken cognizance of the video. "We are committed to ensuring the safety and dignity of all women passengers," BMTC officials said.

Under the Nirbhaya Scheme, BMTC has equipped all buses with red-coloured panic buttons and CCTV cameras. The 'Namma BMTC' app also features an SOS button for real-time reporting.

Additionally, all buses are GPS-tracked for emergency response.

Mechanic stabbed over mobile theft dispute

A 52-year-old mechanic was stabbed to death and his assistant injured following a dispute over a stolen mobile phone in Rajajinagar Industrial Area on Tuesday evening. The deceased, Abdul Malik, and his assistant, Jainul, were attacked by a neighbour identified as Manoj, a daily wage worker. The incident unfolded when Malik and Jainul confronted Manoj after spotting him on CCTV footage stealing their phone earlier in the day. An argument broke out and in the heat of the moment, he pulled out a knife and stabbed Malik. Jainul, who tried to intervene, sustained multiple stab injuries. Malik died on the spot, while Jainul was rushed to the hospital. Magadi Road police arrested Manoj.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KSRTC rolls out real-time bus tracking system

Passengers can now track buses, and schedules easily through the mobile app

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The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) is rolling out a Vehicle Tracking and Monitoring System (VTMS) that will enable passengers to access real-time information on bus schedules and locations right at their fingertips. A KSRTC official said, "From now on, passengers will be able to check departure times for buses, track buses that have left other stations, and know when they will arrive at their destination."

Passengers will soon be able to track the movement of KSRTC buses in real time, thanks to a new GPS-enabled tracking system set to be implemented across the state. Inspired by the Railway Ministry's live tracking model, KSRTC plans to introduce a mobile app that allows users to check departure times, track buses from other stations, and estimate arrival times at their destination.

The VTMS will use GPS-based devices installed in 8,800 buses, including those with and without advance booking facilities. The app will allow passengers to enter the bus registration number and trip code to receive accurate service details, including route and fare information. Real-time updates will also be available at bus stations, helping passengers plan their travel more efficiently.

App offers real-time updates using GPS-enabled tracking for all buses

One of the key advantages of the new system is improved safety. KSRTC officials said the system will be integrated with the corporation's 24/7 Command Centre, which will monitor bus movements and issue safety alerts to drivers—particularly during night shifts. "VTMS will be a key tool in preventing accidents," the official added. "The app will send alerts to ensure drivers follow safe practices."

A study conducted by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has supported the use of real-time tracking to enhance road safety and operational efficiency. The system is also expected to help improve fuel usage and reduce unnecessary stops, contributing to better overall fleet management.

> **From now on, passengers will be able to check departure times for buses, track buses that have left other stations, and know when they will arrive at their destination**
> –KSRTC official

The project, estimated at 30 crore, is being jointly funded by the state and central governments, with 60% of the funding coming from the state. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said, "By implementing VTMS, we aim to increase transparency and reliability in KSRTC operations. Passengers will benefit from real-time updates, improving convenience and saving time."

Officials added that the system will also allow KSRTC to monitor driver behaviour, track speed, check for route deviations, and ensure buses are not stopping unnecessarily at hotels or bypassing designated stations.

KSRTC believes the new tracking system will be a game-changer for both passengers and the corporation alike.

IVF patient's cough leads to TB, autoimmune diagnosis

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Nanditha, a 38-year-old woman, is undergoing IVF treatment to become a mother. After her last embryo pickup was unsuccessful, she visited the hospital for a different reason. For the past three weeks, she had been dealing with a cough, chest pain, shortness of breath, and loss of appetite.

Dr Divya Shree J, Consultant – Interventional Pulmonology at Manipal Hospital, Jayanagar, said the patient was found to have a right-sided pleural effusion, which is a fluid build up between the lungs and the chest wall. Nanditha was admitted on April 18, 2025, for further evaluation. A CECT (Contrast-Enhanced Computed Tomography) of the thorax confirmed the presence of fluid, and around 800 ml to 1 litre was drained for analysis.

> **Women undergoing IVF treatment are at higher risk for tuberculosis. Therefore, an autoimmune evaluation should be part of infertility assessments before starting IVF** –Dr Divya Shree J, Manipal Hospital Jayanagar

Although tuberculosis (TB) was suspected, initial fluid tests did not confirm the diagnosis. To get more clarity, the medical team performed a rigid bronchoscopy followed by a cryobiopsy, a relatively advanced procedure to collect lung tissue.

"Cryobiopsy isn't widely used but gives more accurate diagnostic results," explained Dr Divya Shree. "In Nanditha's case, the procedure was successful, and we confirmed she had pulmonary tuberculosis. She was started on anti-tubercular treatment (ATT), and her symptoms began to improve within two weeks."

Alongside TB treatment, doctors also examined potential causes of her infertility. Despite having no thyroid or hormonal issues, an autoimmune workup revealed that she tested positive for antinuclear antibodies (ANA). She was diagnosed with an undifferentiated connective tissue disease, a condition that may have contributed to both her infertility and susceptibility to TB.

A rheumatologist has advised immunosuppressive therapy, but it will commence only after her infection is fully under control. Dr Divya Shree emphasised the importance of autoimmune screening for women undergoing IVF, as they may be at higher risk for infections like TB.

Nanditha was discharged on April 23 and is currently under close follow-up for both conditions.

Disciplinary action would be taken if rules violated

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been instructed to ensure that seniority lists are prepared and that the reservation roster system is strictly followed during promotions and recruitment.

The committee has also asked all police units, including the CID, Intelligence, Internal Security Division, Railways, and City Commissioners, to submit consolidated reports. The directive also emphasises that disciplinary action should be taken against any staff found to be in violation of the rules.

There have been long-standing concerns regarding irregularities and misconduct within the department. This notice marks the first official acknowledgment of such issues, shedding light on the apparent manipulation and inconsistencies in promotional practices, seniority lists, and adherence to reservation norms. The action by the Police Department is a significant move toward addressing these challenges and holding accountable those involved in these practices.

"It is a harsh reality that in several departments, individuals from the SC/ST communities are deliberately overlooked, even when they are fully eligible," said a city-based human rights activist. "Many who have qualified with merit are still denied promotions. In some cases, they are restricted to specific postings and not permitted to serve in city areas, effectively stalling their career progression."

Helping hands may help keep order on road

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support his call for road discipline. The woman, however, dismissed the plea, stating bluntly, "It's not my concern. It's his problem if he violates the rule," before looking away. Finally, the man turned around and the auto driver told him to stand behind the white line to avoid getting fined. The man immediately took his vehicle back.

This incident is a stark example of the deepening civic indifference observed on city roads. Traffic experts call it the bystander effect. According to experts, violations occur for four reasons. "Lack of awareness or ignorance of traffic rules is one of the reasons. Many motorists are either not properly educated about traffic laws or misunderstand them, leading to unintentional violations. Impatience or reckless driving behavior such as speeding, aggressive overtaking, and ignoring signals often stem from impatience or a desire to save time, especially in congested areas or might be unintentional," said Professor MN Sreehari, a traffic and infrastructure expert.

Experts argue that this attitude is not just about traffic violations but reflects a broader social detachment. Sreehari explained that road safety is a shared responsibility—while individuals must follow the rules, bystanders also have an opportunity to raise awareness about violations. "Breaking traffic rules can lead to accidents or other dangers on the road, making it crucial for everyone to not only follow regulations but also promote awareness for their own safety and that of others," said an expert.

Footage from CCTV cameras across Bengaluru often shows pedestrians and drivers breaking rules

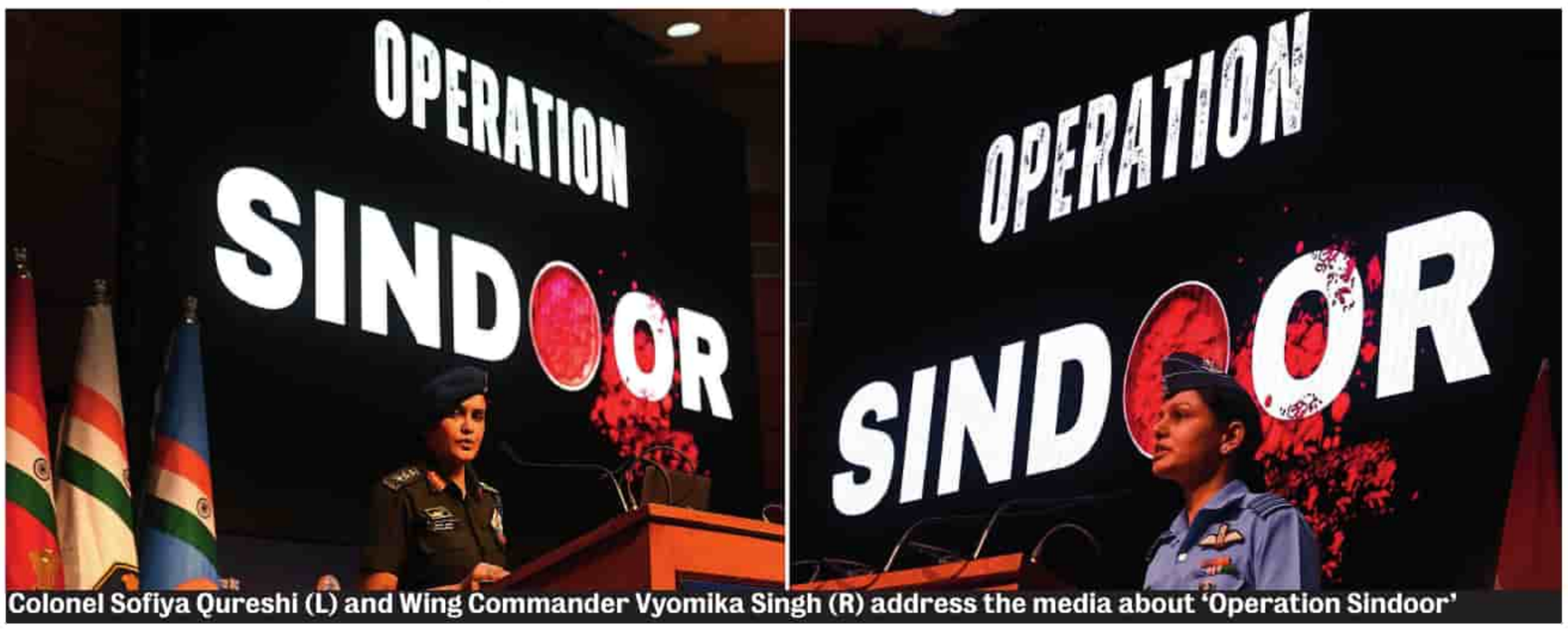
Traffic police officials also urged citizens to be proactive in their approach. "Citizens need to realise that road safety and discipline are collective responsibilities. Public can intervene without a fight, tell violators or build awareness but after a certain limit they can't, they can also report in the public eye or Astram. This also helps the traffic police. Many people just take a photo or video and then upload it in X tagging the traffic police, because of which we are penalising several offenders. If we all shrug off responsibility, chaos will continue," says DCP Shivaprakash (South Traffic).

Footage from CCTV cameras across Bengaluru often shows pedestrians and drivers breaking rules with impunity, while others around them look on silently. Attempts by a few to correct violators are either ignored or, in some cases, met with hostility. In another incident that happened on May 1 around 5 pm near Chowdeshwari bus stop, Yeshwanthpur, an auto driver who was driving on the wrong side of the road, when confronted by the public, said, "I am coming slowly". As if to justify his rule breaking.

The traffic police have been running multiple awareness campaigns on road safety and responsible driving. But without the active participation of the public, these campaigns have a limited impact, civic experts say.

Salute to soldiers

CMs, families of Pahalgam terror attack victims hail Operation Sindoor



Colonel Sofiya Qureshi (L) and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh (R) address the media about 'Operation Sindoor'

Chief ministers of southern states, political leaders and families of victims of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack on Wednesday hailed India's retaliatory attacks on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin, his Telangana and Andhra Pradesh counterparts, A Revanth Reddy and N Chandrababu Naidu, respectively, and Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah welcomed "Operation Sindoor," during which Indian jets hit training camps, launch pads and headquarters of the Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba without breaching Pakistan's airspace.

The families of those killed in the dastardly act welcomed the offensive.

The family of Bharath Bhushan, hailing from Bengaluru, welcomed the air strikes.

Bhushan from Bengaluru, who was visiting Pahalgam with his wife and three-year-old son, was shot dead by terrorists on April 22. His wife, Sujatha, and their child survived the attack.

Appreciating the government's effort, Bhushan's father Channaveerappa said, "The name, Operation Sindoor is correct because they (terrorists) had removed the tilak of many women. That's a good step. Government has done a good work and they have also taken the support of many countries."

"What Pakistan has done, their bad work. They are (sheltering) terrorists in their hideouts, giving them money. They are supported and trained by Pakistan's army. Modi has taken this message to different countries and explained Pakistan's dirty mode of operation," he added. Sumathi, the mother of Manjunath Rao, another victim from Karnataka, welcomed the air strikes and said she had faith in PM Modi. She said she did not want her son's "sacrifice" to go waste.

A Pakistan Army soldier stands in front of damaged Bilal Mosque

People carry their belongings as they move to a safer place as part of evacuation near the International Border (IB) at Jeora Farm

Kochi native Arathy, whose father N Ramachandran was gunned down before her eyes by the terrorists in Pahalgam, said there won't be any other suitable title for the strikes other than "Operation Sindoor". "There could have been no befitting reply other than this to terrorism which had killed our fathers, brothers or husbands in front of us, she told reporters in the Kerala city.

"Let all Indians see a comfort in this operation," she added.

Andhra CM Naidu praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the strikes.

"With pride, I salute the brave warriors of the Indian Armed Forces for swiftly avenging the Pahalgam terror attack. With their unmatched bravery and precision, they have again demonstrated that our nation will defend itself with iron will," said Naidu in a post on 'X'.

Revanth Reddy said the strikes against "terror factories" in Pakistan and PoK made the country proud.

"As an Indian citizen first, standing strongly with our armed forces. The strikes against terror factories in Pakistan & PoK make us proud. Let us make this a moment for national solidarity and unity, and all of us speak in one voice - Jai Hind! #OperationSindoor", he said in a post on 'X.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said: "I salute the extraordinary courage of our armed forces behind Operation Sindhoor. Their heroic action reaffirms that India will never tolerate terror in any form." **PTI**

Passenger deplaned at Bengaluru airport

Amid heightened security across the country, a passenger was deboarded from an Air India flight at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) here on Wednesday evening, airport sources said.

The passenger was travelling on flight AI-2820 from Bengaluru to New Delhi.

Before the flight could take off at 6.05 pm, the passenger, whose identity has been withheld, was offloaded due to security-related concerns.

Confirming the incident, an Air India official told PTI, "We are aware of the incident but will not share any details."

"There must have been a reason for deboarding the passenger. It's not something done routinely. There were specific concerns which we are not in a position to disclose," the official added.

Security has been tightened at KIA, as at airports across the country, in the wake of 'Operation Sindoor'. **PTI**

Prayers to celebrate success

The Karnataka government has issued orders to conduct special prayers in temples across the state to celebrate the success of Operation Sindoor.

Minister for Transport and Muzrai, Ramalinga Reddy, said on Wednesday in Bengaluru that he has directed temples across the state to hold special prayers to celebrate the success of Operation Sindoor.

The Commissioner of Hindu Religious Institutions and the Endowment Department has issued a circular in this regard. The circular states, "The Indian armed forces have successfully carried out attacks on terrorist camps under the name Operation Sindoor to avenge the Pahalgam terror attack."

Minister Ramalinga Reddy also conveyed his appreciation to the Indian armed forces. Commending the soldiers for the strikes, the circular orders that special prayers be held in the name of Indian soldiers, praying for the strength and well-being of the Indian Army, in all temples under the Muzrai Department in Karnataka.

The circular further states that the Minister's directions must be followed strictly and without fail.

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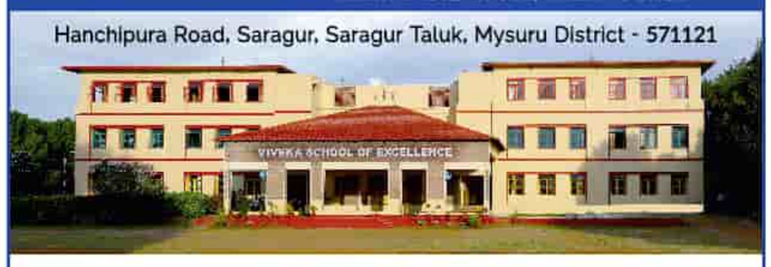

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Bengaluru: India's backbone in defence

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While geographically distant from the borders of Kashmir or the Arabian Sea, Bengaluru has long held strategic importance for India's armed forces — a fact not lost on adversaries like Pakistan. From the days of the 1971 war to modern military advancements, the city has remained a vital force behind the Indian Army's might.

Bengaluru is home to premiere institutions like HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited), DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation), and ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation). Experts assert that these

organisations form the "right hand" of the Indian military.

"Even if you light a matchstick

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today, the light might catch the eye of Pakistan's fighter planes," recalls a retired HAL officer, reflecting on the tense 13-day blackout during the 1971 war. "We are 2,068 km away from Lahore, but the city was always on high alert. During the blackout, we stuck newspapers and flour paste over windows to block light."

Bengaluru has been a bastion of defence production, with HAL playing a pivotal role since World War II. Over the past 85 years, HAL has evolved in aircraft production, assembly, and maintenance. It was the maker of the Marut jet that sent chills through the Pakistani ranks in 1965 and later, the Gnat fighter jets that dominated air combat during the 1971 war. In the 1999 Kargil War, Air Force faced challenges at extreme altitudes. Then HAL's light helicopters like 'Dhruv,' and later 'Rudra' and 'Prachand', proved instrumental in breaching enemy lines. Today, the HAL-built Light Combat Aircraft 'Tejas', designed by DRDO's Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), is India's pride and a game-changer in aerial combat.

Bengaluru is also a powerhouse in military R&D. Out of DRDO's 11 research labs across India, six operate from this city. From bulletproof jackets to bomb-disabling robots, the city continues to innovate.

The Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (LRDE), headquartered here, supplies advanced radar systems for military & civilian aviation. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), also based here, manufactures components that are exported to nations like Russia, Italy, Germany, the US, and the UK.

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Mock drill demonstrates city's preparedness

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A large-scale mock drill titled 'Operation Abhyas' was held on Wednesday at the DG Fire and Emergency Services campus and Ulsoor Lake in Bengaluru. The drill aimed to demonstrate emergency preparedness and raise public awareness on disaster response. Coordinated efforts from departments, including Civil Defense, SDRF, NDRF, Fire and Emergency Services, Home Guards, NCC, CRPF, Red Cross, Medical teams, Law and Order Police, and Traffic Police, were showcased during the event.

A number of citizens gathered to witness the drill, expressing keen interest in learning how emergencies are handled.

Code Red to Green

As part of the simulation, sirens were sounded across the city. Six sirens within two minutes marked "Code Red," indicating a distress situation. Once the scenario was declared safe, a single long siren announced "Code Green," signalling the return to normalcy.

Rescue demonstrations included high-rise building evacuations, firefighting using water tenders, and aquatic rescues at Ulsoor Lake. The civil defence team carried out rope suspension rescues using stretchers capable of supporting up to 400 kg, mimicking the evacuation of injured or trapped individuals.

"Sirens were activated in 32 out of 35 stations, each with a reach of 3 to 4 km," said civil defence personnel.

"These systems are controlled by the Fire Department and are crucial for alerting the public during emergencies. In such situations, people in public spaces should take cover, stay low, and protect their bodies as much as possible. It's also important to move to the nearest safe spot and cover your ears when the sirens sound, he added.

The event also served as a platform for public education. One local resident, who attended the drill with her granddaughter, shared, "I came with my granddaughter so that we could learn how to stay safe during emergencies. It's important for her to understand these things from a young age."

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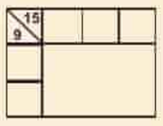
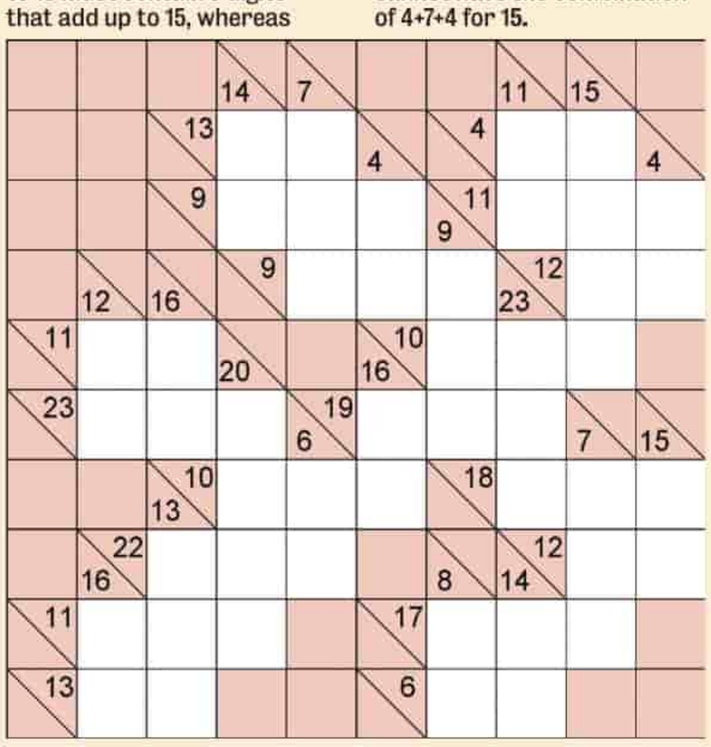


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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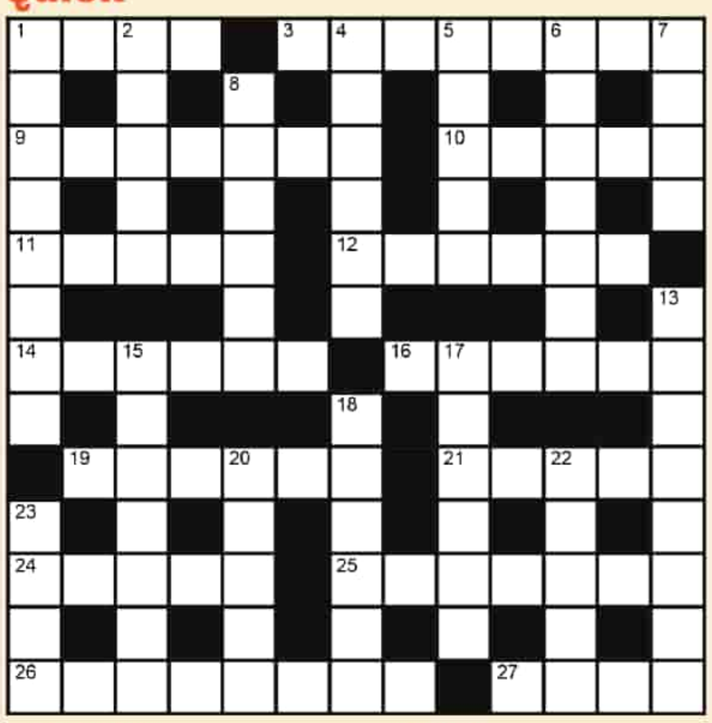


ACROSS

1 Cook (4)
3 From the start–in Latin (2,6)
9 Leapt over (7)
10 Brimless hat (5)
11 Replace an informative attachment (5)
12 Short-sighted (6)
14 Talkative person (sl.). (6)
16 Grating sounds or noises (6)
19 Small restaurant (6)
21 Underworld river (5)
24 Deduce (5)
25 Violating a principle or rule (7)
26 Sodium ____ : common salt for the chemist? (8)
27 Shirt fastener? (4)

DOWN

1 Reportage (8)
2 Rejoice greatly (5)
4 Karnataka tourist destination known for its sculptures and red sandstone cliffs (6)
5 Ours is __ ___ reason why... but just to do or die? (3,2)
6 Mexican liquor (7)
7 Kiln or furnace (4)
8 Stain (6)
13 Consented or approved; said yes (8)
15 Competent; dexterous (7)
17 Saintly remains (6)
18 Captured or arrested (6)
20 One who becomes too fatigued too readily (5)
22 Drink to health of (5)
23 Soft, white metal (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: L EQUALS C

OJV KVRO ESLOSQ BR OJV SXV TSI QIX OS YXE LYX'O MBXE.

Linemaro

Would you model for me?

Mindchow

The person you honour indicates the person you want to be

Joke of the day

What an Asian parent tells his child who says she has found a cure for cancer. "You found a cancer cure? What about AIDS?"

Loop

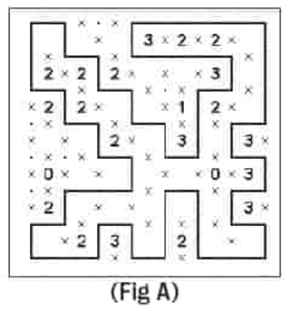
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

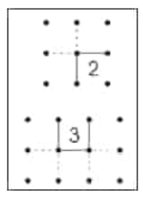
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

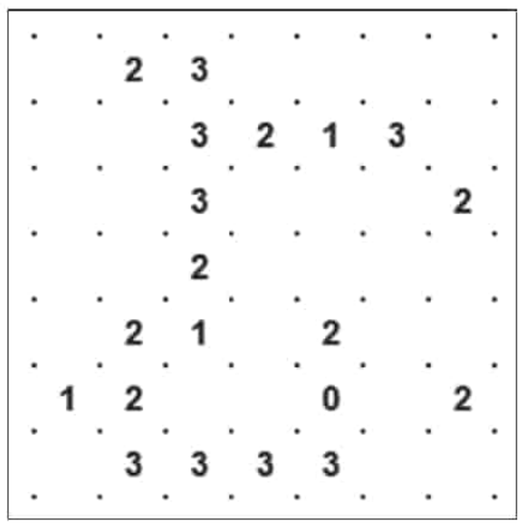
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



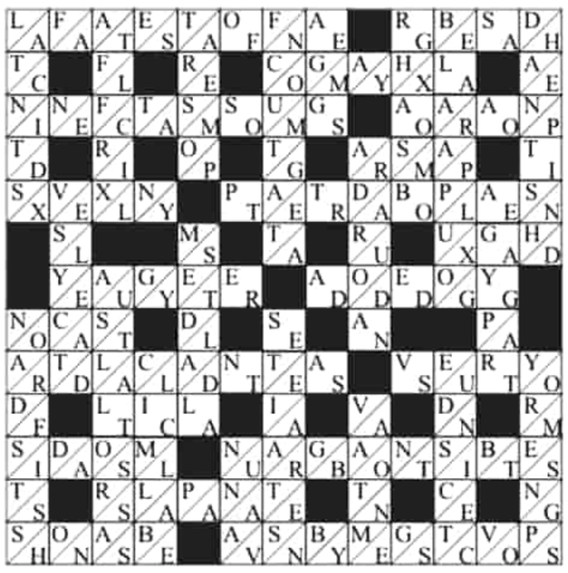
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



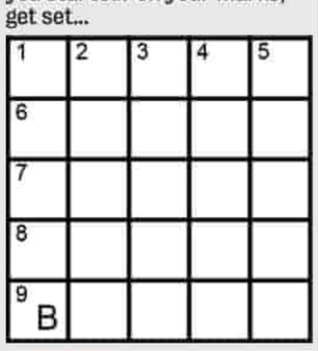
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Scars; 6 Outer;
7 Pl Run; 8 Ament;
9 Blots

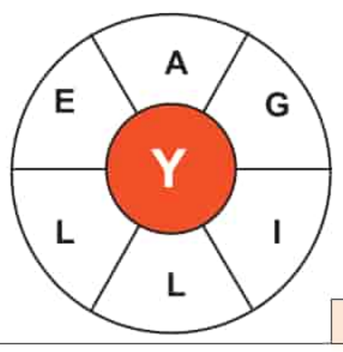
DOWN

1 Mr Cub; 2 One or;
3 Laura; 4 Tints;
5 Pests

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	8			5				
	1		8	3		6		9
						4		7
		4	6		3	5		
6		5						
1		3		9	6		4	
				4			7	
		8	7					3

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy

= 26

1 8 8 9

Medium

= 6

2 5 6 7

Hard

= 48

3 8 9 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

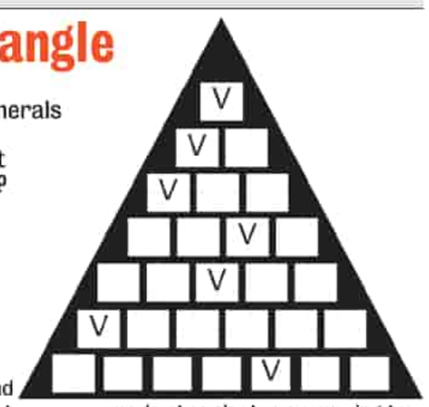
Differences: 1. Nose is smaller. 2. Awning is different. 3. Man has more hair. 4. Mouth is open. 5. Car bumper is missing. 6. Window is missing.

Riddler

A green glass door admits only certain objects. Apples and balls are allowed, but pears and bats aren't. What determines whether an item can enter?

Alpha triangle

1 Volt
2 Six in Roman numerals
3 Compete
4 Plunge head-first
5 with : cohabited ?
6 Concealed
7 Torment



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye

Bizarrotrip

Seems I've found a sizable nugget.
That would appear to be the case.
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Diamond Lil

BUDDY THE BEER:
I'M TOLD YOU POSSESS THE POWER OF SPEECH
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M BUDDY THE BEER!
HOPPY TO MEET YOU
HEY! THAT WAS MY LINE!
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AAUUGH!! I'M HAVING THE WORST DAY OF MY LIFE, AND NOW I'M HUNGRY!!
SLAM!
Hewie's Room
I'M HAVING A BAD DAY, AND NOW I HAVE TO COOK DINNER!!
I JUST WISH SHE COULD UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH.
SIGH...
SIGH...
CRACK! BOOM!
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Crankshaft

WHEN MY 'TUESDAY TEEN PAGE' STRIP STARTED RUNNING IN THE PAPER...
PIZZA
'AFTER SCHOOL, I'D PICK UP PAPERS FROM ALL OVER TOWN, JUST TO MAKE SURE IT WAS IN EVERY PAPER.'
CAPTAIN EZ CONFECTION
OPEN
PLUS I FIGURED THAT THE EDITOR SEEING A BUMP IN SALES EVERY TUESDAY WOULDN'T HURT EITHER!
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1-30

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may start your day on a positive note. Your patience will reflect in your work and help you enjoy your tasks. Optimism in business gains is likely. Emotional bonding with your spouse may strengthen family harmony. Job seekers might hear some good news.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is favorable for your career. You'll perform well at work and may lead your team effectively. Your focus and dedication may be appreciated by your superiors, possibly resulting in a promotion or reward. Job seekers could receive new opportunities. Singles may fall for someone at the workplace. Architects, artists, and traders will likely see success.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Domestic matters will demand your attention today. You may be occupied with your children, and some good news related to their education might arrive. You could also purchase decorative or creative items for your home or office to enhance your social standing. Use your discretion when shopping. Professionals in the military, management, electronics, and medicine will do well.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dissatisfied as those around you might not offer much cooperation. Patience is key. Avoid signing documents without thorough reading, and stay away from unwise investments. Students are advised to focus calmly on their studies.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Blessed by the Moon, your luck is with you today. You will feel energetic and focused at work. Your efforts are likely to lead to success, with support from colleagues. A short work-related trip is possible, and good news may come from a sibling.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Family matters may keep you busy today. Important decisions may be required on the domestic front. Avoid arguments, as arrogance could disrupt household harmony. By evening, things should settle down. When investing in business, trust your instincts.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Messy situations may resolve today, bringing peace of mind. You'll find a good balance between earnings and expenditures, improving your financial situation. Avoid excessive travel or overwork, as it may impact your health. Students can begin mapping out their future plans. Lovebirds may enjoy quality time together.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may enjoy a productive day at work and home until evening. A stuck payment may be released. However, later in the day, you might feel emotionally low due to unknown fears, affecting your sleep. Meditation is recommended for inner calm.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
The Moon's blessings may turn past disappointments into happiness. Your focus on goals will sharpen. Creativity may inspire changes in your home or office. Love might be found nearby, but couples should avoid unrealistic expectations. Students should refrain from speculative thinking in academics.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Work may keep you busy today. Your communication skills could help secure a major business order. You may meet an influential person who helps your business grow. Family support will aid in making tough decisions. However, in love matters, be mindful of your words—honesty is good, but tone matters.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you'll likely have full support from your parents. Success at work, especially in government-related projects, is probable. Your relationship with management may improve, benefiting your career or business. An overseas business trip might be in the planning. Health-wise, stay hydrated and include lemon in your meals to avoid infections.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You might be overcome by unexplained fears or negative thoughts today. Impatience and arrogance could hinder your decision-making at work. Seek blessings from elders—they may guide you through this challenging phase. Avoid investments in non-performing assets. Couples are advised to steer clear of trivial arguments.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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= √900 = 30

BULL'S EYE
AGILELY, alley, ally, gally, galley, lily, yell

RIDDLER
All words with a repeated letter are allowed. Green glass door, apple and ball.

FAST FIVE

C	R	A	S	S
R	O	U	T	E
M	E	A	N	T
U	N	R	I	P
B	O	L	T	S

STRIKE OUT

A	F	A	S	T	O	N	E	■	R	E	A	D	■	■
C	■	F	■	E	■	O	M	A	H	A	■	A	■	■
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
17. In each star, the number in the centre equals the difference between the sum of the even numbers and the sum of the odd numbers around the points of the star.

QUOTE UNCODE
The best doctor is the one you run to and can't find.

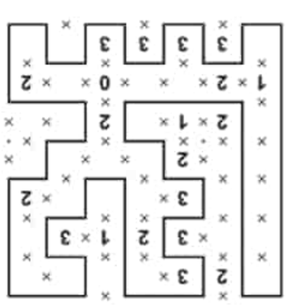
SUDOKU

2	4	9	1	6	7	8	3	5
3	8	6	2	5	9	7	1	4
5	1	7	8	3	4	6	2	9
8	3	1	9	2	5	4	6	7
7	2	4	6	8	3	5	9	1
6	9	5	4	7	1	3	8	2
1	7	3	5	9	6	2	4	8
9	5	2	3	4	8	1	7	6
4	6	8	7	1	2	9	5	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
V, Vi, Vie, Dive, Lived, Velled, Bedevil.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 8 + 1 + 9 = 26
Medium
6 – 7 + 5 + 2 = 6
Hard
8 + 9 x 3 – 3 = 48

LOOP



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Bella's take — "I think it's so important that recognition for women in the industry is preserved," nonbinary actor Bella Ramsey said in an interview after being nominated for a 2023 Emmy Award in the Best Leading Actress category

Cannes debut check

Alia all set to join Aish at this years Festival de Cannes

Indian cinema is set to shine once again at the prestigious Festival de Cannes as actors Alia Bhatt and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan confirm their appearances at this year's edition of the grand event.

The actresses, who are Indian faces of the global beauty brand, will join an impressive lineup of international personalities.

Marking her much-anticipated debut at Cannes, Alia expressed her excitement, saying in a statement on PTI, "There's something absolutely special about firsts — and I'm so excited to make my Festival de Cannes debut this year, an iconic celebration of cinema and self-expression."

The actor and producer also spoke about her evolving definition of beauty, "To me, beauty is about celebrating individuality, confidence, and self-worth. It's limitless, it's unique. I'm proud to stand with a brand that celebrates every woman's journey and empowers them to shine in their own light."

Alia will be joined by Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, whose appearances over the past two decades have become synonymous with Indian elegance and global glamour. While the two are confirmed to make their appearances, there is no confirmation if fans will get to see the two walk the red carpet together.

As global ambassadors, they will share the stage with other influential names including Eva Longoria, Viola Davis, Jane Fonda, Aja Naomi King, Andie MacDowell, Simone Ashley, Elle Fanning, Bebe Vio, and Yseult — all committed to redefining beauty and empowerment through authenticity and representation. Meanwhile, Alia is working on a packed schedule, filming Sanjay Leela Bhansali's upcoming movie Love and War. She will next be seen in Alpha. The spy film, set within the YRF spy universe, is slated for Christmas Day release. **—ETimes**

All eyes on Avneet

Avneet Kaur, the actor and social media sensation, was spotted in the stands of the Wankhede Stadium on Thursday, where the Mumbai team was facing off against Shubman Gill's Gujarat. Her presence caught everyone's attention, especially with rumours swirling about her and Shubman Gill possibly dating.

While it's not uncommon for celebrities to attend IPL matches, it was Avneet's timing and presence at the game that caught everyone's attention, especially in the wake of her recent online interactions. Just days before the IPL match, the internet went into overdrive after Virat Kohli, the star cricketer, 'liked' a picture of Avneet Kaur on Instagram. Kaur's appearance at the stadium got a lot of attention, both from fans on social media and the live camera crews. Netizens on social media reacted to Avneet Kaur's stadium appearance:One user said, "Didn't react to the whole Virat Kohli like incident, and came to the stadium to support Rohit Sharma. You've truly earned our respect, Avneet Kaur."

The 'like' incident sparked a lot of gossip online until Virat Kohli explained that it was just an Instagram algorithm error. Kohli cleared the air with a statement on his Instagram story, "I'd like to clarify that while clearing my feed, it appears the algorithm may have mistakenly registered an interaction. There was absolutely no intent behind it. I request that no unnecessary assumptions be made. Thank you for your understanding. **—ETimes**

Dark days

Prateik Smita Patil who made his debut with 'Jaane Tu....Ya Jaane Na' was initially approached by Sanjay Leela Bhansali for 'Saawariya'. The actor has revealed in a recent interview that he did not know about it as he was in a rehab centre but Bhansali had called on his landline number and Prateik got to know about it a few years later from his grandparents.

Prateik who was born to Smita Patil and Raj Babbar was raised by his maternal grandparents as his mother passed away after giving him birth. Prateik said in an interview with Bollywood Bubble, "Unfortunately, I was in rehab at the time. I was 18-years old. I was in rehab. Mr Bhansali had called our landline."

In the same interview, Prateik opened up on his drug addiction and said, "I made very bad choices. I won't say I could have done anything differently because I was going through something since a very young age. I made the choice of getting into alcohol and substance abuse again. I gave into my weakness. I had valid reasons, if I may. Things were far more complicated than it sounds when we talk about it now. But those choices brought a downfall in both my profession and personal life."

He also revealed that he was removed from Subhash Ghai's acting school because he was taking drugs.

When asked if Bhansali knew he was in rehab, Prateik said, "He wasn't aware (about rehab). And I don't think he was aware how old I was either because I was very young."

He added, "I came to know a year or two later. My grandfather told me, 'Sanjay Leela Bhansali had called for you but you were in the hospital then'. **—ETimes**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Daskath in Kannada

Producer Jagadeesh N Arebannimangala has made arrangements to release the dubbed version of Tulu movie Daskath across the state. The Tulu version of the movie was successfully screened for around 70 days in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi. The Kannada version of the movie is scheduled for release on Friday.

"I am the president of a village panchayat. I strived hard to fix the problems of people in the panchayat limits. I watched the movie's teaser through my son. Later, I contacted the director and watched the movie though I do not know Tulu. The movie highlights the problems of villagers due to the rampant corruption," said Jagadeesh.

Aneesh Poojary Venur debuts as a director in Sandalwood with this movie. "I formed a team with my friends to make short films and some web series. Later, we decided to make Daskath. The movie revolves around innocent villagers who struggle to get panchayat officials' signatures," he said.

The director said the Tulu version of Daskath was screened in Canada, Nigeria, and Dubai.

On laziness

A motivational movie on laziness is in the making. The movie Raja Rathnakara is about a lazy person from a middle-class family in Bengaluru. Veeresh Bommasagar debuts as a director in Sandalwood with Raja Rathnakara. Veeresh hails from Badami and has been associated with Sandalwood for more than 12 years. He has also worked for tele serials. The movie is being bankrolled by Jayaram C Malur under the Chowmudha banner.

Veeresh said the movie conveys a message to society, especially youth from middle-class families. "The protagonist is not only a lazy person but also an egoist. It shows the problems of lazy people and how they struggle to survive in society," the director said.

Chandan Raj, who has acted in Kannada movies Charminar and Sidlingu as a child artiste, debuts as a hero with this movie. Apsara is paired opposite Chandan Raj. The other actors include Nagaraj Rao, Yamuna Srinidhi, Chetan Durga, Siddhu, and Dingri Naresh.